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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**Applicant:** Boone, et al.**Group Art Unit No.:** 1654**Serial No.:** 10/666,480**Examiner:** Russel, Jeffrey, E.**Filed:** September 18, 2003**For:** Peptides and Related Molecules
that Modulate Nerve Growth
Factor Activity**Docket No.:** A-827**Date:** December 9, 2004**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In the Office Action dated November 9, 2004, the Examiner has required restriction of the inventions in the application to one of nineteen groups (Groups 1-XIX). In addition, the Examiner has required an election of a sequence if Applicants elect the invention of Group III, VI, IX, XII, XV, XVI, XVII, XVIII, or XIX for examination. The Examiner set a shortened statutory period of one (1) month for reply to the Office Action, expiring on December 9, 2004. Claims 1-163 are pending in the case. So as to be fully responsive to the Office Action, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the invention of Group XV (Claims 109, 111, and 113) and the sequence identified as SEQ ID NO: 231 with traverse.

Remarks/Arguments

In the Office Action, the Examiner alleged that the inventions set forth in Groups I-XIX are patentably distinct from each other because of their materially different structures and their materiality

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